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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
M. YOKOYAMA, et al.

Serial No.: 10/069,173

Art Unit: 1616

Filed: February 22, 2002

Examiner: A. Pryor

For: Plant Activator

AMENDMENT

NON-FEE AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the official Office Action mailed August 6, 2002, (the time for response to which having been extended by virtue of a petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and requisite fee filed herewith), in the matter of the above-identified application, kindly amend the same as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend Claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A plant activator comprising a solution C₄-C₂₄ ketol fatty acid as an active ingredient, application of the plant activator to the plant being carried out during seedling or at an early growth stage after germination.

Kindly cancel Claims 2-9 and add new Claims 10-32 as follows:

10. A method of promoting growth of a plant comprising applying to a portion of a plant or

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